

Urban Roman Cyprus: New Evidence from 2nd Century AD Nea Paphos

by

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The Subject: The Paphos Theatre Archaeological Project has been excavating the theatre of Nea Paphos since 1995. Paphos was the capital city of Roman Cyprus and is now a World Heritage site. Recent excavations have concentrated on the area surrounding the theatrical precinct and have uncovered a paved and colonnaded 8-metre-wide road and a nymphaeum. This talk will explore the implications that these new discoveries have on our understanding of the ancient city. It will discuss what is now known about the relationship of the theatre with other key Roman structures in the city, including the agora, the harbour, the domestic quarters and the north-east city gate and the significant pilgrim's route to the sanctuary of Aphrodite at nearby Palaepaphos.

The Speaker: Craig is an archaeologist with extensive fieldwork experience in Australia, Cyprus, Greece and Turkey and is director of the University of Sydney's Paphos Theatre Archaeological Project. He is Manager of Education and Public Programs, Sydney University Museums, overseeing school and tertiary education activities with the museum collections. He regularly appears on ABC Radio with Rhianna Patrick on the 'Can You Dig It' segment and has curated exhibitions at the Nicholson Museum.



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Terrace Way, Macleod**

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